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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A clip for supporting ornamental
- 2 items on a pew, comprising:
- 3 a mounting portion for gripping a portion of a pew support,
- 4 the mounting portion having a pair of opposite faces including an
- 5 inner face and an outer face, the mounting portion having a pair of
- 6 side edges and a pair of end edges, the mounting portion
- 7 comprising:
- 8 an elongate longitudinal extent having opposite end
- 9 regions;
- 10 a pair of transverse extents, each of the transverse
- 11 extents extending from one of the end regions of the
- 12 longitudinal extent in a generally transverse orientation to the
- 13 longitudinal extent;
- 14 a pair of return extents, each of the return extents
- 15 extending from one of the transverse extents, each of the
- 16 return extents extending towards each other; and
- 17 a pair of free end extents, each of the free end extents
- 18 extending from one of the return extents; and
- 19 a securing portion forming a hook for securing an ornamental
- 20 item to the mounting portion, the hook opening toward a side edge
- 21 of the mounting portion such that the hook portion is orientatable
- 22 upwardly when the mounting portion grips a vertically extending
- 23 portion of the pew support;
- 24 wherein each of the transverse extents, the return extents, and
- 25 the free end extents are arcuate such that a group of connected

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26 transverse, return and free end extents forms a portion of a circle;
27 wherein the hook comprises a securing arm with a first end
28 mounted on the mounting portion and a second end free of the
29 mounting portion, and wherein the free second end of the securing
30 arm extends past one of the side edges of the mounting portion.

1 2. (Original) The clip of claim 1 wherein the pair of
2 transverse extents extend outwardly from the inner face of the
3 longitudinal extent, each of the transverse extents having opposite
4 end regions, a first one of the end regions of each of the transverse
5 extents being joined to one of the end regions of the longitudinal
6 extent.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled)

1 7. (Original) The clip of claim 1 wherein each of the end
2 edges of the mounting portion is located on one of the free end
3 extents, and a gap is formed between the end edge on the free end
4 extent and the longitudinal extent.

1 8. (Previously Presented) The clip of claim 7 wherein a
2 distance of the gap is approximately one-half of a distance of a
3 farthest extent of the return extents from the longitudinal extent.

9. (Cancelled).

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1 10. (Currently Amended) The clip of claim 1 wherein the
2 ~~securing portion comprises a securing arm~~, the securing arm has a
3 first end mounted on the mounting portion and a second end being
4 free of connection to the mounting portion, the second end being
5 biased against the outer face of the mounting portion.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Cancelled).

1 17. (Previously Presented) A clip for supporting ornamental
2 items on a pew, comprising:
3 a mounting portion for gripping a portion of a pew support,
4 the mounting portion having a pair of opposite faces including an
5 inner face and an outer face, the mounting portion having a pair of
6 side edges and a pair of end edges, the mounting portion
7 comprising:
8 an elongate longitudinal extent having opposite end
9 regions;
10 a pair of transverse extents, each of the transverse
11 extents extending from one of the end regions of the
12 longitudinal extent in a generally transverse orientation to the
13 longitudinal extent;
14 a pair of return extents, each of the return extents being

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15 connected to one of the transverse extents, each of the return
16 extents extending towards each other; and
17 a securing portion for removably securing an ornamental item
18 on the mounting portion, the securing portion having a first end
19 being mounted on the mounting portion adjacent to a first one of the
20 side edges of the mounting portion and a second end free of
21 connection to the mounting portion and being biased against the
22 outer face of the mounting portion, the free second end of the
23 securing portion extending past a second one of the side edges of
24 the mounting edge.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The clip of claim 17 wherein the
2 mounting portion includes a pair of free end extents, each of the
3 free end extents extending between one of the transverse extents and
4 one of the free end extents, each of the return extents extending
5 from one of the transverse extents and towards each other.

19. (Cancelled).

1 20. (Currently Amended) The clip of claim 1 wherein the
2 ~~hook comprises a securing arm with a first end mounted on the~~
3 ~~mounting portion and a second end free of the mounting portion,~~ the
4 second end of the securing arm ~~extending~~ extends toward one of the
5 side edges of the mounting portion.

21. (Cancelled)

1 22. (Currently Amended) The clip of claim 1 ~~wherein the~~
2 ~~hook comprises a securing arm with a first end mounted on the~~
3 ~~mounting portion and a second end free of the mounting portion,~~ and
4 wherein one of the side edges of the mounting portion defines a
5 plane, and the free second end of the securing arm extends through

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6 the plane of the side edge.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

1 25. (Currently Amended) The clip of claim 17 wherein one
2 of the side edges of the mounting portion defines a plane, and the
3 free second end of the securing ~~arm~~ portion extends through the
4 plane of the side edge.

1 26. (Currently Amended) The clip of claim 25 wherein the
2 securing ~~arm~~ portion abuts against the mounting portion at a
3 junction of the outer face and the second side edge of the mounting
4 portion.

1 27. (Currently Amended) ~~The A clip of claim 1 for~~
2 supporting ornamental items on a pew, comprising:
3 a mounting portion for gripping a portion of a pew support,
4 the mounting portion having a pair of opposite faces including an
5 inner face and an outer face, the mounting portion having a pair of
6 side edges and a pair of end edges, the mounting portion
7 comprising:
8 an elongate longitudinal extent having opposite end
9 regions;
10 a pair of transverse extents, each of the transverse
11 extents extending from one of the end regions of the
12 longitudinal extent in a generally transverse orientation to the
13 longitudinal extent;
14 a pair of return extents, each of the return extents
15 extending from one of the transverse extents, each of the
16 return extents extending towards each other; and

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17 a pair of free end extents, each of the free end extents
18 extending from one of the return extents; and
19 a securing portion forming a hook for securing an ornamental
20 item to the mounting portion, the hook opening toward a side edge
21 of the mounting portion such that the hook portion is orientatable
22 upwardly when the mounting portion grips a vertically extending
23 portion of the pew support;
24 wherein each of the transverse extents, the return extents, and
25 the free end extents are arcuate such that a group of connected
26 transverse, return and free end extents forms a portion of a circle;
27 wherein the securing ~~arm~~ portion is mounted on the mounting
28 portion adjacent to a first one of the side edges and the securing
29 ~~arm~~ portion extends across the outer face of the mounting portion
30 and abuts against a second one of the side edges of the mounting
31 portion.

1 28. (Currently Amended) The clip of claim 27 wherein the
2 securing ~~arm~~ portion abuts against the mounting portion at a
3 junction of the outer face and the second side edge of the mounting
4 portion.

1 29. (Currently Amended) The clip of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~
2 ~~mounting portion has a substantially uniform width, the mounting~~
3 ~~portion having a substantially uniform thickness, the mounting~~
4 ~~portion being~~ is formed of a resiliently flexible material, the pair of
5 side edges being oriented substantially parallel to each other, the
6 mounting portion having a pair of end edges, the pair of end edges
7 each extending substantially perpendicularly to the side edges;
8 wherein the longitudinal extent is substantially planar;
9 wherein the pair of transverse extents extend outwardly from
10 the inner face of the longitudinal extent, each of the transverse

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11 extents being arcuate, each of the transverse extents having opposite
12 end regions, a first one of the end regions of each of the transverse
13 extents being joined to one of the end regions of the longitudinal
14 extent;

15 wherein each of the return extents extending generally parallel
16 to the longitudinal extent, each of the return extents extending from
17 a second one of the end regions of one of the transverse extents,
18 each of the return extents being arcuate;

19 wherein each of the free end extents extending inwardly from
20 one of the return extents, each of the free end extents being oriented
21 substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal extent, each of the
22 end edges of the mounting portion being located on one of the free
23 end extents, a gap being formed between the end edge on the free
24 end extent and the longitudinal extent;

25 wherein a distance of the gap being approximately one-half of
26 a distance of a farthest extent of the return extents from the
27 longitudinal extent; and

28 wherein the securing portion being located on the outer face of
29 the mounting portion, the securing portion comprising a securing
30 arm for holding a portion of an ornamental item against the
31 mounting portion, the securing arm having a first end mounted on
32 the mounting portion and a second end being free of connection to
33 the mounting portion, the securing arm generally converging toward
34 the outer face at the second end thereof to form a channel
35 therebetween for receiving a portion of an ornamental item, the
36 second end of the securing arm being biased against the mounting
37 portion.